How to File Your Insurance Claims

- 1. Contacts your insurance company to see if you are covered for a wig. If so, ask what exactly you will be covered for (how much & how many you are entitled to.) Also, ask if there is any paperwork that the insurance company requires to be filled out. You can find this info on our website.
- 2. Receive a prescription and/or letter from your doctor for a "Crainal Hair Prosthesis". A prescription should include a diagnosis code (your doctor's office knows what that is).
- 3. We will provide a detailed receipt with the words "Cranial Hair Prosthesis", our HCPCS, NPI codes and Tax ID#.
- 4. Double check your insurance claim form to make sure you *legibly* include the following elements:
 - a. The item "Cranial Hair Prosthesis"
 - b. Diagnosis Code
 - c. NPI Code
 - d. The billing HCPCS Code
 - e. The company's Tax ID#
 - f. Your physician's signature
 - 1. Know your rights and be informed. Obtain a copy of your full contract with your insurance company (this can often be found online through your providers website).
 - 2. Carefully read and understand the exclusions ("wigs") and covered items ("Cranial Hair Prosthesis") in your policy. See if your insurance policy calls it something other than "Prosthesis".
 - 3. Write a letter to the Medical Review Board asking for a review. Be sure to attach a copy of the original claim.
 - 4. **Emphasize** that the wig is a cosmetic item and unnecessary. A prosthesis however, is a necessary (comparable to plastic surgery for a burn victim).
 - 5. Address your letter to a supervisor in the Claim Dept and ask for a written reply
 - 6. Some other suggestions are:

-Include pictures of yourself without hair and a letter detailing the emotional effects your hair loss has had on your life.

-Include a letter from your employer

-Understand which medical codes to use on your forms. Different conditions may require different diagnosis codes. Check with your prescribing physician for the codes related to your condition.